GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:917
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2008
ASSAM ACCORD
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the clause-wise implementation status of the Assam Accord indicating the year-wise progress made regarding identification and deportation of foreigners as well as sealing of the international border;

(b) whether constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards are provided as promised under the accord;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the issues identified for implementation and targets fixed in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to fulfil the promises under this clause?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (e): Action has been taken to implement various clauses of the Assam Accord. Certain clauses of the Accord are of continuing nature i.e. safeguards for Assamese people, measures for economic development of Assam, and to prevent infiltration, etc. and, therefore, need to be continuously monitored. The Government is committed to implement Assam Accord in letter and spirit. The details of action taken on various clauses of Assam Accord are annexed.

ANNEXURE

L.S.U.S.Q. NO.917 FOR 4.3.2008 CLAUSEWISE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ASSAM ACCORD

CLAUSE 5.1 FOREIGNERS ISSUE:
i. The Citizenship Act, 1955, Citizenship Rules, 1956 and the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, were amended.
ii. Special Registration Officers have been appointed. Sanction was also accorded for the creation of 1280 additional posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme.
iii. Thirty-two Foreigners Tribunals have been constituted in the State of Assam under the provisions of Foreigners Act, 1946 for detection of illegal migrants/foreigners. In the year 2006, 184 illegal Bangladeshi migrants were detected and 144 were deported. During the year 2007, 675 illegal migrants were detected and 143 were deported.

CLAUSE 6 & 7 - SAFEGUARDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

iv. A Cultural Centre called the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalashetra Complex has been established.
v. Sri Jyoti Chitraban (Film) Studio at Guwahati has been modernized. Additional Rs.10 crore has been sanctioned for further expansion/modernization of the Institute in the financial year 2006-07.
vi. The Government of Assam has constituted a Committee of Ministers in October 2006 to examine all issues relating to the implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord. The Committee is yet to submit its report.
vii. Numaligarh Refinery was set up at a cost of nearly Rs. 2,500 crores.
viii. Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur, and the other at Silchar, have been set up.
ix. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati.
x. Kathalguri Power Project (60 MW) has been commissioned.
xi. Work for implementation of Assam Gas Cracker Project has started.

CLAUSE 8 TO 14 - OTHER ISSUES:

xii. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.
xiii. Border fencing of 2535.80 Kms out of 3286.87 Kms sanctioned has been completed on Indo- Bangladesh border. Border roads of 3250.60 Kms out of 3663.39 Kms sanctioned has been completed.
xiv. Ex-gratia payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.
xv. Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.
xvi. In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum of six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.

xvii. NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.